

**ELYSIAN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 10, 2017**

The Elysian City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 10, 2017, at City Hall at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call: Mayor Clinton Stoen; Councilmembers Robert Houlihan, Tom McBroom, Mary Opsahl, and Dennis Schnoor; City Administrator Lorri Kopischke; Public Works Director Ron Greenwald; and City Attorney Jason Moran. Absent: City Utility Clerk Nicole Lamont.

On motion by McBroom, seconded by Houlihan, all voting in favor, to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2017 Regular Meeting as presented.

On motion by Stoen, seconded by Schnoor, all voting in favor, to approve the agenda of the July 10, 2017 Regular Meeting with the following additions:

1. Quotes for Tree Removal.

Public Comment: None.

The Elysian Area Chamber of Commerce (EACC) has requested to hold the “Bash” event at Lake Francis Park on Saturday, September 2, 2017. The event was held for the first time in 2016 and was successful. There were no neighborhood complaints and the area was cleaned up by the next morning. The EACC plans to expand the event this year to include a bean bag and a volleyball tournament with the possibility of having bands during the day.

On motion by Opsahl, seconded by Houlihan, all voting in favor, to approve the request of the Elysian Area Chamber of Commerce to hold the “Bash” event at Lake Francis Park on Saturday, September 2, 2017.

On motion by Schnoor, seconded by McBroom, all voting in favor, to approve a Temporary 1-Day Liquor License for Elysian Area Chamber of Commerce for September 2, 2017 in conjunction with the “Bash” to be held at Lake Francis Park.

Jon Winjum, Operations Manager, R.A.W. Construction, has requested a reduction in retainage for payment for the 2016 Street and Utility Project from 5% to 2%. This would reduce the retainage from approximately \$67,942.70 to \$27,177.08. The City Engineer, Chris Cavett, SEH Engineering, is in support of and is recommending approval of the reduction. He states, “There are three pay items still pending and few other things that are pending final acceptance:

1. Striping on 5th Street from Highway 60 to Park Avenue (pending correction of low spot in pavement near Highway 60).
2. Saw and seal (pending completion of striping).
3. Install of the SAFL Baffle in the basin control structure.
4. Finalizing contract and release of all retainage would not be recommended or considered until the final 3 pay items are complete and there is final acceptance of turf and any major warrantee items have been addressed (low spot in pavement on 5th Street near Highway 60).”

Public Works Director Greenwald stated he was not in favor of a reduction in the retainage amount at this time. He believes there are too many unfinished items.

City Attorney Moran stated he would not recommend approval of a reduction in the retainage amount at this time.

On motion by Stoen, seconded by McBroom, all voting in favor, to keep the retainage for the 2016 Street and Utility Project at 5% for R.A.W. Construction.

Greenwald presented a quote from Maguire Iron, Inc. to pressure wash the exterior of the water tower in the amount of \$4,500. At the June Council Meeting, the Council had directed Greenwald to inquire if the price could be reduced if the inside and outside of the tank were cleaned at the same time. Greenwald reported that the price would not be reduced. The price was quoted in anticipation that the exterior and interior would be cleaned at the same time. The quote would be higher if the pressure wash was done at a different time.

On motion by Opsahl, seconded by Houlihan, all voting in favor, to approve the contract in the amount of \$4,500 and proceed with Maguire Iron, Inc. for the pressure washing of the exterior of the water tower.

Greenwald presented two quotes for cutting of (5) five trees - 209 Fifth Street SW, 205 Fifth Street SW, 212 Main Street East, 101 Frank Avenue NE, and 100 Lake Avenue NE. Quotes are as follows: Suemnick's Final Cut Tree Service - \$1,350 and Scheurer's Tree Service - \$700. Both quotes include cut, grind brush, and pile wood – no grinding of stumps. Trees will be sawed off at turf level as flat as possible, covered with dirt and seeded.

On motion by Houlihan, seconded by Opsahl, all voting in favor, to approve the quote of Scheurer's Tree Service in the amount of \$700 and proceed with the cutting of the (5) five trees - 209 Fifth Street SW, 205 Fifth Street SW, 212 Main Street East, 101 Frank Avenue NE, and 100 Lake Avenue NE.

The Le Sueur County 2017 Municipal Maintenance Agreement in the amount of \$7,736.77 was presented for approval. This amount is \$1,685 less than the 2016 agreement.

On motion by Opsahl, seconded by McBroom, all voting in favor, to approve the Le Sueur County 2017 Municipal Maintenance Agreement in the amount of \$7,736.77.

Councilmember Schnoor introduced the resolution and was seconded by Councilmember McBroom.

CITY OF ELYSIAN
ELYSIAN, MINNESOTA
RESOLUTION 576/17

RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING A DONATION FROM
CRYSTAL VALLEY

WHEREAS, the City of Elysian has received a donation in the amount of \$1,000.00 from Crystal Valley toward the purchase of a Sliding Unit for the Grass Rig;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ELYSIAN, MINNESOTA THAT: the City Council of the City of Elysian acknowledges and accepts a donation from Crystal Valley in the amount of \$1,000.00 toward the purchase of a Sliding Unit for the Grass Rig.

Upon vote being taken:

Council Members voting in the affirmative: Houlihan, McBroom, Opsahl, Schnoor, Stoen.

Council Members voting in the negative: None.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Elysian this 10th day of July, 2017.

Approved:

Clinton Stoen, Mayor

Attested:

Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator

Councilmember Schnoor introduced the resolution and was seconded by Councilmember McBroom.

CITY OF ELYSIAN
ELYSIAN, MINNESOTA
RESOLUTION 577/17

RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING A DONATION FROM
LAND O'LAKES, INC. FOUNDATION

WHEREAS, the City of Elysian has received a donation in the amount of \$1,000.00 from Land O'Lakes, Inc. Foundation toward the purchase of a Sliding Unit for the Grass Rig;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ELYSIAN, MINNESOTA THAT: the City Council of the City of Elysian acknowledges and accepts a donation from Land O'Lakes, Inc. Foundation in the amount of \$1,000.00 toward the purchase of a Sliding Unit for the Grass Rig.

Upon vote being taken:

Council Members voting in the affirmative: Houlihan, McBroom, Opsahl, Schnoor, Stoen.

Council Members voting in the negative: None.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Elysian this 10th day of July, 2017.

Approved:

Clinton Stoen, Mayor

Attested:

Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator

The Council acknowledged Representative Tony Cornish, who represents the City of Elysian at the state legislature, on being selected as a League of Minnesota Cities Legislator of Distinction for 2017. Cornish was specifically appreciated for his work as the chief author of the peace officer

training legislation which will provide much needed funding for peace officer training throughout the state.

On motion by Opsahl, seconded by Houlihan, all voting in motion, to set a Budget Workshop for Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

Elysian's National Night Out will be held at Lake Francis Park on Tuesday, August 1, 2017 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm.

Appreciation was expressed to the Elysian Area Chamber of Commerce, the City of Elysian Employees, and all the volunteers who helped make the 2017 Fourth of July celebration an outstanding event.

Le Sueur County Sergeant Jeff Thelemann updated the Council. He reported that the Fourth of July festivities were relatively calm. The Council noted the speeding on County Road 11 near the Lake Francis boat access. Thelemann will request added enforcement in that location.

On motion by Schnoor, seconded by McBroom, all voting in favor, bills, payroll, and transfers were approved in the amount of \$205,705.64

Public Comment: None.

On motion by Stoen, seconded by McBroom, all voting in favor, to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 pm.

Approved:

Clinton Stoen, Mayor

Attested:

Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator